

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 58  
By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jill Pruden, Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball coach on winning her 500th game.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud of the athletic coaches that work hard, succeed, and, most importantly, serve as mentors for our young people; and

WHEREAS, we are especially proud of Jill Pruden, who recently had the rare honor of winning her 500th game as coach of the Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, under her dynamic leadership, the Lady Wildcats have won two state championships, in 1988 and 1994; and have been to the state finals seven times; and

WHEREAS, her remarkable record of success also includes 12 sub-state victories, 13 regional titles and 14 district championships; and

WHEREAS, during her impressive tenure at Oak Ridge, Jill Pruden's teams have won 85% of their games; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Coach Pruden has prepared hundreds of students not only to compete strongly on the hardwoods but also in the field of life; and

WHEREAS, she is now starting her 18th year at Oak Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, Jim Helton, Oak Ridge High School Athletic Director, echoed the strong sentiments of everyone who has been privileged to know her in saying, "Coach Pruden is a great lady, who represents all things a great coach should,"; and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this exemplary coach; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-  
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jill Pruden on winning her 500th game  
and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for  
presentation to Coach Pruden and to the school with this final clause omitted from such copies.